

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**  
**INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

**EMPLOYER:** Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT:** Friday, January 13, 2012

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Monday, March 19, 2012 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

**\*\*STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE\*\***

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**POSITION TITLE:** Wildlife Research Intern

**# OF POSITIONS:** 1

**LOCATION(S):** Missoula, Hamilton, or Sula

**WORK START/END DATES:** Flexible (approx. June 16, 2012 – August 31, 2012)

**HOURS/WEEK:** 40

**TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES:** Flexible

**COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):** \$9.00 - 9.50/hr, housing provided at the study site

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** One wildlife research technician is needed from approximately mid-June – late August to assist with the Bitterroot elk ecology project. During the winter of 2010 - 2011, MFWP and the University of Montana initiated a collaborative project investigating elk survival and recruitment in the East Fork and West Fork elk herds in the Bitterroot Valley of western Montana. The purpose of the project is to understand factors such as nutrition and predation affecting elk survival and recruitment. The intern will assist with elk calf survival and vegetation monitoring throughout the summer 2012.

Primary responsibilities will include monitoring survival of elk calves, radiotelemetry, conducting necropsies, vegetation sampling, data entry, and scat collection. There may be additional opportunity to assist with neonatal elk calf captures, to conduct aerial telemetry flights, and/or to participate in wolf trapping operations. Hours will be long, variable, and include weekends.

The start date and duty station is flexible, however the intern must be available for full

time employment by June 16, 2012. Housing will be provided in Sula, MT.

**SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):**

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a University and have completed a minimum of 2 years in a wildlife biology related degree program. Preference will be given to those who have completed a BS degree in a wildlife biology related degree program.

Applicants should have a strong work ethic, the ability to work independently in the field, and the ability to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary research team. Preference will be given to those with demonstrated fieldwork experience, radio-telemetry experience, experience working on ungulate research projects, experience communicating with the public or private landowners, and/or vegetation sampling experience. Applicants should be able to drive a 4WD vehicle.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):**

To apply, send a brief cover letter, a resume detailing job experience, and contact information for 3 references by email to kproffitt@mt.gov. Review of applications will begin in early March and a final decision will be made by mid-April.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)**

Housing will be provided at the study site, as well as a field vehicle.